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ABSTRACT

This book discusses the abdication of college/university responsibility for the welfare of student-athletes, the failure of colleges to exercise appropriate controls in the administration of athletic programs, and the intentional violation of institutional policies or regulations governing the conduct of intercollegiate athletics. The first section, "Case History," shows how the forces of American culture have contributed to the development of the existing identity of intercollegiate athletics. The second section, titled "Diagnosis: The Pathology of Infractions," offers a discussion of penalties imposed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association since 1952 and the fundamental and contributing causes of abuses in college sports. The third section, "Prescription for Reform: The Essential Ingredients," presents alternative strategies for achieving and maintaining a relationship between athletics and education that is mutually supportive. The fourth section, "Prescription Refinement: Improving the Prognosis," makes the point that in order to achieve a meaningful reform of college sports, major changes must be made in national governing legislation to span the fissure that exists between athletics and education. The fifth section, "In the Waiting Room: The Prospect for Wholeness," emphasizes the uncertainty of whether meaningful reform will be achieved, and the social and psychological consequences attendant on failure. (JDD)

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